

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

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I'm happy to announce that your 2018 Board of Directors is off and running, with the first meeting held on Tuesday, February 6th. The new board members are:

President:	Janet Napier
Vice-President:	Tim Thornton
Secretary:	Eileen Morton
Treasurer:	Jane Streiff

Director:	Scott Coons	Director:	George Glerum
Director:	Marlyn Nicolas	Director:	Gloria Torres
Director:	Bud Viard	Past President:	Sharron Adams

Our long-time treasurer, Russ Morgan, has decided that his mobility is making it difficult for him to come regularly to the club so he has decided to step down as club treasurer. Many, many thanks to Russ for his dedicated service to our club for the past seventeen years. He was awarded a Lifetime Membership at our Annual Meeting on January 6th, 2018, so we hope that Russ will stop by once in a while to visit.

I'm delighted to let you know that Jane Streiff has graciously agreed to step in as our treasurer. It is my impression that Jane is a detail-oriented person who will follow in Russ's footsteps and keep the club's finances in good order. Thank you, Jane.

February kicks off our schedule of activities with a Valentine's Fun Day on Tuesday, February 13th and the Veteran/Novice Pairs tournament on Saturday, February 17. Marlyn and ReGina Nicolas, the 2018 Tournament Directors, will appreciate your signing up early for the tournament. We will have a cut-off date and, if we don't have enough participants by that date, the tournament will be cancelled – which would be a shame. So sign up early!

Looking forward to great lawn bowling in 2018!

Janet

COMING EVENTS:

February

13, Tuesday, Valentine's Fun Day
17, Saturday, Veteran/Novice Pairs

March

17, Saturday, St Patrick's Fun Day

FUN DAY:



On February 13 we will celebrate Valentine's Day in style with our new volunteers, Art and Linda Jones, getting a start with the help of Tony Cunningham. Perhaps this new committee will come up with some original ways to celebrate – or perhaps not. Anyhow, we can be sure that the Fun Day will be fun with everyone dressed in something red and with a contest or two before the regular game. Don't miss it!

NIGHT LIGHTS:

For those of you who haven't yet experienced bowling under our new lights, this is an invitation to come on down and have a look-see! Tuesday nights, beginning at 6:00 p.m. our faithful Scott Coons is there welcoming anyone who sees our ads and shows up to give bowling a try. In the afternoon, Scott and Max, who designed and constructed the light strings, come to the green to put the lights up and get everything ready. The weather has been a bit colder lately so attendance has been down a bit, but there were five people from the Independent newspaper who came last week. Below are a few pictures, most taken in December at our first night Open House.



Scott & friends



Mark Hreha with visitors



Volunteers (and below pics)



PRESENTATION:

As I'm sure everyone is aware, our club was lucky enough to gain a sponsor last year and a generous donation from Central Coast Home Health, Inc. To show our appreciation, a plaque was made up and presented to Home Health partner, Jerry Jordano during one of our games.



Pictures by Bonnie Carroll

BOWLS USA:

Since last year, our club has had a 100% membership in the national organization Bowls USA. This is really a good accomplishment for us. Last year we paid our dues of \$20 each to belong, but this year our club paid the dues for all of us as a gift for our 80th Anniversary year. Bowls USA is always promoting the sport of bowls in this country plus they sponsor our international tournaments, the US Open, and the National Championships.

Bowls USA is the governing body for bowls in this country and works with the World Bowls organization. Bowls USA is divided into seven geographic divisions and ours is the Southwest Division. We are the largest group in the US and include clubs from San Diego to Cambria.

If you are interested in exploring the wider world of bowls, there are websites to go to. The SW Division site is at swlawnbowls.org and the Bowls USA is bowlsusa.us. There is a national newsletter which might interest and which is free if you click on "subscribe" and give your address. Also, check out some videos of the experts bowling on youtube. You will be amazed at how accurately some can play this game of ours. There are also videos which help with aspects of the game such as delivery, strategy, etc. It's worth a little time to see what can be found on line.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:



Art and Linda Jones have been around now for a couple of months and we welcome them! Already they are stepping up to volunteer for jobs that need to be done. Below are the brief bio's they gave when they joined us:

Linda: Retired. Was raised as an Air Force dependent then married and settled with my husband Art in Santa Barbara 46 years ago. We have a daughter and son-in-law and two grandsons. We enjoy golfing and motorcycling.

Art: Married 45 years. Lived in Santa Barbara 60+ years. Do part time work as handyman. Have a pest control license. Previously a drywall contractor. Learned to bowl in Canada.

Thanks for joining us, Art and Linda. We wish you many happy years of bowling on the green.



Also joining us at the beginning of the year was **Gordon Stoppel**. Gordon was a long-time bowler at MacKenzie Park but decided to switch to our club when he discovered the chess club which meets at the Davis Center on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Below is his bio.

I was born and raised in Chicago and moved to Santa Barbara in 1955 to attend UCSB. I received a B.S. in Botany. I also received a degree in Librartary Science and worked as a librarian in Arizona. Moved back to SB in 1981. I was employed here at a title insurance company.



Welcome Gordon. We hope you enjoy your time with SBLBC and we welcome you!

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

We began the year with our new President, Janet Napier, opening the meeting on February 6. She thanked our new Treasurer, Jane Streiff, for taking over from an ailing Russ Morgan.

Ken Gould, our Investment Manager, noted that our investments did very well this past year and showed a gain of 19.1% over the past year.

The schedule of activities for next year has been done and the 2018 Directory will soon be printed – possibly in a week or so. We are still receiving late dues payments from a few people.

There was discussion about whether to continue to retain a Public Relations person and Janet will meet with her to negotiate a contract for three months beginning in March. This will be finalized at a special meeting of the Board at the end of February.

Max and Scott continue to work on putting up the lights every Tuesday and introducing people to bowling in the evening under the lights in hopes of bringing in more working people to our club. Volunteers to help with this effort would be appreciated.

GENTLE REMINDERS:

- After the 10 a.m. game, please put away ALL equipment except for one rink. It was decided to leave the equipment in place at the last game to finish. The bowlers who follow at 12:30 often have numerous rakes and other equipment to put away, awnings to put down, etc. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

- When playing in a pairs game, the lead/vice on the team who lost the end puts the score on the board. Please rake first before you put up the score. That way, the other lead/vice can be setting the mat and rolling the jack.
- I hear many people yelling at their bowls, encouraging them to “hit mine in” or “knock theirs out”, etc. When someone has an unlucky accident and knocks in his opponent’s bowl for a point, please do not “crow” about it by saying “thank you”. These things are considered very bad sportsmanship. Also, good luck for you today may turn around tomorrow and be bad luck. So please, if you feel you must say something when your opponent makes an unlucky shot say “bad luck”.